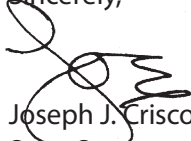


Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for taking the time to respond to my legislative survey. Your views on transportation, energy costs and the budget surplus are important in helping determine our legislative priorities.

This newsletter describes legislative proposals relating to health care insurance, taxes and energy. I hope that you will take a moment to read about these initiatives and call me with your views. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Joseph J. Crisco, Jr.
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CONSTITUENTS' CORNER

Recently, I intervened so that two children in our district were granted reinstatement in the HUSKY B plan retroactively. The children were dropped from HUSKY B because of confusing communications between the company administering the plan and the children's parents. Helping my constituents is the most rewarding aspect of my job as state Senator. I invite you to call my office at **1-800-842-1420** if you feel that I can be of assistance to you.

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FROM YOUR STATE SENATOR **JOSEPH J. CRISCO, JR.**

2006 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

HEALTH CARE INSURANCE

My Nutmeg Partnership Insurance Plan is designed to provide affordable insurance and access to health care for people between Medicaid and Medicare. Provisions that recently were passed unanimously by the Insurance and Real Estate Committee include:

- Continued coverage for children up to age 26, whether or not they are enrolled in an institution of higher learning;
- The creation of health insurance plans of limited scope for individuals who are not eligible for employer-sponsored plans, including independent contractors, part-time workers and retired individuals who are not yet eligible for Medicare.

TAXES: ELIMINATE THE PROPERTY TAX ON MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT

On a recent tour of **Derby Cellular Products (DCP)**, I noted that the company has enjoyed substantial growth over the years by adding state of the art equipment and by attracting a first-rate workforce. That is why I strongly support legislation that would eliminate the property tax on machinery and equipment. This initiative, if successful, will help manufacturers such as DCP stay competitive. By eliminating this tax, manufacturers will have the funds to make improvements and expand their workforce.

MORE ON HEALTH CARE INSURANCE: **OBESITY, DIABETES, BREAST CANCER, HUSKY**

As Chairman of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, I am working with my colleagues to address insurance coverage for obesity treatment and to enhance and improve the provisions of insurance coverage now available. Our initiatives include:

- Providing insurance coverage for medically necessary diagnosis and treatment of obesity, including nutrition education, therapeutic exercises and bariatric surgery
- Ensuring the appropriate insurance coverage for breast cancer examinations
- Providing greater access to medically necessary diabetic equipment
- Providing for continuous coverage for children in HUSKY Part A or Part B for a period of twelve months from date of eligibility, unless they turn 19 years of age or leave the state

ENERGY

To encourage energy conservation for homeowners and businesses, I will work with my colleagues to make permanent the sales and use tax exemption on certain heating and weatherization products, such as insulation, window film, water heaters, natural gas furnaces, certain windows and oil furnaces.



Senator Crisco met with Allan Cribbins, president of Derby Cellular Products, to discuss ways to provide relief to manufacturing businesses.

MOTHER/FATHERREAD 2006 AT THE LOWER NAUGATUCK VALLEY PARENT CHILD RESOURCE CENTER IN DERBY



Senator Crisco reads to students at the Bradley School in Derby.

The Mother/FatherRead Connecticut program, a free program made possible by the Connecticut Humanities Council and the Community Foundation, teaches parents how to read and discuss stories with their young children. I am proud that the Lower Naugatuck Valley Parent Child Resource Center in Derby is making this program available to Derby families this year.